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Administration: There was no change in the administrative set up during 1975-76.

Budget: During 1975-76 a sum of Rs.1,04,791.00 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs.1,30,000.00 on the non-plan side. On the plan side a sum of Rs.9,786.00 was spent against the budget provisions Rs.1,00,000.00. For 1976-77 a budget provision of Rs.1,57,000.00 was made on the non-plan side and a sum of Rs.1,00,000.00 on the plan side.

Building: At present the Archives is accommodated in the requisitioned premises at Ahmedabad. The proposal for constructing a scientifically designed building at Gandhinagar is under consideration of the Government.

Record Management: During the year this department examined 2,18,327 old records of Jamnagar, Navsari and Bhansda Record Office, Retention Schedule under which the records have been classified are being followed.

Research and Reference: 20 research scholars availed themselves of research facilities in this department as well as Central Record Office, Vadodara. 237 records were requisitioned by Government agencies and 238 queries attended to during the period under report.

Reference Media: The Department of Archives has recently been set up and records are yet to be centralized. Preparation of Reference Media will be taken up in due course.

Publication: A book entitled "Mansa Satyagrah" was prepared and sent to Sardar Patel Birth Centenary Celebration Committee for publication.

Preservation of Records: 1,351 pages of records wereflattened, 10,645 pages repaired with tissue paper. 1,470 pages with chiffon, 2,098 pages with acetate foil, 3,189 pages guarded and 3,836 pages bound.

Photo-Duplication: The State Archives does not have any photo-duplication unit of its own.

Library: 5,071 books were acquired and work of collecting books on archival importance from different district and taluka offices was in progress. Uptill now 15,000 books were collected from various offices and institutions.

Exhibition: The Department has undertaken the work of building up an Exhibition Section. With this object in view the important documents and old Persian records of the 18th and 19th centuries have been located. These documents have been rehabilitated by chemical treatment. Efforts to obtain historical documents from individuals and institutions would be made through the Regional Records Survey Committee and Exhibition of the selected documents will be set up on a permanent basis in the Department.

Training: Due to economy measure in the State nobody was sent for training in archives-keeping. A proposal for imparting training in Record Management to the Record Keeper and clerks is under consideration of the Government.

Other Important Activities:

1. Centralisation of Records: A proposal for bifurcation of the records of the former Bombay State was submitted to the Government. At present official records of non-current nature which are of permanent nature are kept in the custody of each record creating agency in the State. Action is being taken to collect data for the centralisation, preservation and maintenance of these records by the department. Spot verification

will be made to inspect the non-current records and to ascertain their state of preservation and maintenance.

2. A radio talk on the "Gujarat State Archives - Its Problems and Prospects" was delivered by the Director of Archives to create Archives consciousness among the people.

The main need at present is the scientifically constructed building of the Archives Department. For want of building the activities of the Department, viz., centralisation of records, collection of books, acquisition of private records, setting up of microfilm unit, exhibition section and preservation and maintenance of records are held up.